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Wrongfully convicted man to fight back

40 years later.
Lawyer 'hopeful' for client despite key missing documents

A man wrongfully convicted of raping a young girl over 40 years ago will soon be fighting for compensation in court, although many of the documents surrounding his case have disappeared.

Gerald Barton, a black man originally from Jordantown near Digby, was convicted of raping a 13-year-old girl in 1970. His case was reopened in 2008 and the verdict overturned after the woman admitted she had lied and her brother had allegedly sexually assaulted her since she was nine.

A DNA test proved the child

who was born after the rape wasn't Barton's.

In 2011, a judge ruled Barton had been a victim of a "mis-carriage of justice" and Thursday his lawyer Dale Dunlop said the province had broken the promises they made following the Donald Marshall Jr. case — that no one faced with wrongful conviction should have to fight for compensation.

"As far as the black community is concerned, nothing has changed and the lessons we should have learned from Marshall have been forgotten," said Dunlop.

Marshall was a Mi'kmaq man wrongfully accused of murder in 1971 and cleared by a commission in 1990 that showed racism had contributed to the conviction.

Dunlop said Barton's trial against the RCMP and provincial attorney general begins

April 7, and the province has "refused" to take responsibility for the case, although there was no trial or guilty plea entered.

Only a certificate of conviction remains, and a statement the RCMP say Barton made confirming he had sex with the girl, which he denies.

Dunlop said he has never gotten a logical reason for why Barton's case file at the courthouse, RCMP file and probation file have disappeared.

They are not asking for the same compensation Marshall received, Dunlop said, but something "fair and reasonable for 40 years of stigma of being a convicted sex offender."

"This is more than just about stiffing Gerry Barton, this is about the black eye we continue to give to this little part of Canada."

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Vigil brings a message of hope and a call to action

Loretta Saunders.

Victim's sister says government needs to develop real strategies to deal with impacts of colonization



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Participants in the Halifax vigil held for Loretta Saunders used the young woman's own words to reinforce their call for government action to address violence against indigenous women.

"Our very own government is responsible for orchestrating the events and developing policies and practices that led to the marginalization of generations of my people," read Saunders' sister, Delilah Terriak, from Saunders' thesis during the event at the Grand Parade Thursday night. "Perhaps forgiveness could be possible if the government were to accept responsibility and implement meaningful and

Quoted

"It is time to take action. It is time for a national inquiry. We will not be ignored. Are you listening, Mr. Harper? No more stolen sisters."

Crystal Tobin, Halifax vigil organizer

effective strategies designed to correct the devastating impacts of colonization."

A few dozen people, including Mayor Mike Savage and Deputy Mayor Darren Fisher, joined in the event, one of several vigils held simultaneously across Canada.

Shivering in the teeth of a bitter wind, participants held candles, "No More Stolen Sisters" signs and pictures of Saunders, who was murdered in February.

Saunders was Inuk and was conducting her thesis at Saint Mary's University on missing and murdered indigenous women.

After her death, support-



Delilah Terriak, second from left, attended a vigil for her sister Loretta Saunders held at the Grand Parade in Halifax on Thursday night. MELISSA HEALD/FOR METRO

ers called on the federal government to conduct a national inquiry into the issue.

Kim Cahill of Amnesty International in Halifax told the crowd the calls have gone unanswered so far, but she remains hopeful.

"A lot of good people have come together because of this terrible situation," she said.

"People on the streets are actually talking about the issue of missing and murdered indigenous women and girls."

Saunders' thesis called on indigenous peoples to "take matters into their own hands" and break the cycle of addiction, abuse and dysfunction that she blamed on generations of colonization.

Inuk elder Sarah Anala said the tragedy of Saunders' murder is compounded by the fact that Saunders was setting such a strong example.

"Young Inuit like Loretta would have the flame to pass to, to carry and to lead with," said the residential school survivor.

"Oh God, what a loss."

Councillor charged with impaired driving

A municipal councillor is facing a charge of impaired driving after an incident at his home this week.

Coun. Reg Rankin was arrested after RCMP officers were called to a home on Maplewood Drive in Timberlea Wednesday evening.

"When police arrived, it was found that a car had been back-

ing in the driveway and had struck the residence," said Cpl. Scott MacRae. "As a result of that investigation, a 64-year-old man was arrested for impaired driving."

Rankin, 64, didn't return a call for comment.

Mayor Mike Savage said he spoke to the veteran Timberlea-area councillor Thursday, call-

ing the situation "unfortunate."

"My first thoughts are for Reg and his family. I also have great thoughts for people in the wider communities," said Savage. "He's reflecting. I think, on his situation."

Rankin took a leave of absence from council in April 2011, saying he made the decision to seek "professional help

and medical treatment" after "significant personal reflection."

He didn't give a reason for the leave.

Savage said it's too early to say whether another leave is warranted, and said he didn't know whether Rankin would be at regional council on Tuesday. RUTH DAVENPORT/METRO



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Cleanup continues after midweek weather bomb

Aftermath. High winds not helping matters, says official

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It could be into the weekend before streets and sidewalks are completely cleared from Wednesday's weather bomb in Halifax.

Darrin Natolino of HRM's Transportation and Public Works told reporters cleanup crews were out in full force Thursday, scrambling to remove snow from major roads and walkways in the region.

"Right now, priority one routes are pretty much wide open," Natolino said Thursday afternoon. "By later (Thursday night) most priority two routes and residential roots will be opened up."

Natolino said the heavy snow and persistent high winds have made it difficult for cleanup crews to keep things clear.

"Obviously it's easier to clean up after a five-centimetre storm than it is a 45-centimetre storm," he said. "A plow can make a swipe

through a street and in eight or 12 hours it looks like it was never there."

The wind created a mess of its own after 100-kilometre-per-hour gusts ripped roof tiles off of an old apartment building on Main Avenue in Fairview early Thursday morning.

Drifting snow from Wednesday's blizzard, which brought between 20 to 40 centimetres of snow to the region depending on location, created a vicious cycle of street plows pushing snow on to the sidewalks and in turn sidewalk plows blowing the snow back onto the street, making clearing efforts seem minimal.

"It's a back-and-forth choreography of getting the street plowed and having the sidewalk plows come by," said Natolino.

With winds expected to finally die down Thursday night and an overnight parking ban in place again, Natolino expected crews to make good headway in the evening hours into Friday morning.

"We have service standards we try to achieve," he said. "There are cases given snow volume conditions we just can't do but we're out there trying to do the best we can."

High end

42 cm

Amount of snow that fell on Greenwood, the highest in the province.

Low end

21 cm

Amount of snow recorded at Halifax Stanfield International Airport.



A cleanup worker takes a photo of the debris that was blown off the roof of 59 Main Ave. on Thursday. High winds from a nor'easter on Wednesday and Thursday ripped a large portion of the flat roof off. JEFF HARPER/METRO

You thought that was the last?

One spring storm may lead to another

Rest up that back, folks: More winter weather may

be on the way.

Environment Canada says another messy weather system could be coming our way for early next week.

Meteorologist Tracey Talbot says this new system is "nothing" compared to the weather bomb we just had Wednesday, but a mix

of precipitation could arrive on Sunday night and into Monday.

"Right now it looks a mix of snow, freezing rain and rain," Talbot said, adding it's too early to give any accumulation amounts. "A little bit of everything."

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A snowplow in Dartmouth Wednesday. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Copper, a 13-year-old beagle, was found in a snowbank after getting lost in a snowstorm. CONTRIBUTED TO NEW GLASGOW NEWS

'He's doing fine and I'm happy he's home'

Lost pup. Public works crew shovelled dog out of snowbank

Darlene Mason of New Glasgow let out her cherished beagle on Wednesday afternoon like she had many times before.

There was never any fear that 13-year-old Copper would wander off. After all, his leash was secured to the house. But when Mason went to check on him a few minutes later, he was gone.

"The clip had just broke," she recalled. "The storm was really starting to come down on us then."

She went out and followed the quickly disappearing tracks of the dog but couldn't see him.

Quoted

"As the snow built up he was just about buried."

Darlene Mason,
of her dog, Copper

He didn't respond to his name either.

"Around six that night, I called my son to come down and he looked around the neighbourhood in his four-wheel drive," Mason said. "I really didn't think he'd live through the night out there."

It didn't help that the dog has a heart condition that requires daily medication.

As Wednesday's winter storm swirled snow around into drifts several feet deep, there was little hope for Copper

as Mason got ready for work.

"I called the radio station to report he was missing. I couldn't believe that a short time later I got the call that he was found and doing well."

The Town of New Glasgow's public works crews were surprised to find the dog in a snowbank near the public works building on Park Street.

"Apparently he was next to the building, probably trying to get away from the harsh winds," said Mason.

After shovelling him out and keeping him warm, the public works crew helped to reconnect Copper with Mason.

"He's doing fine and I'm happy he's home," Mason said.

"He's missed a few doses of his medication but is back on track now."

NEW GLASGOW NEWS

Lori Yvonne Dalton. Halifax police seek help locating missing woman

Halifax Regional Police are asking for the public's help in locating a Dartmouth woman who hasn't been seen since late January.

Lori Yvonne Dalton, 38, was reported missing to police on March 17. In a release, police say she was last seen at her Primrose Street residence on Jan. 27.

Dalton is originally from Newfoundland and has connections to North Bay, Ont.

Const. Pierre Bourdage, spokesman for Halifax Regional Police, said Thurs-

day no one has heard from Dalton since late January and it was friends who reported her missing.

Dalton is described as five-foot-six, 160 pounds with green eyes and black, shoulder-length hair. She also often wears a tuque.

Police don't believe Dalton has been met with foul play but say they are concerned for her well being.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Halifax police at 490-5016.

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Lori Dalton CONTRIBUTED

Slow down for all emergency vehicles, cops say

Halifax police say it comes as no surprise to them that nearly 100 people in one day were charged for failing to slow down when passing emergency workers on the roadside.

The RCMP in Halifax conducted several checkpoints on Tuesday in relation to the "Move Over" legislation, which has been in place since 2010.

"It's really important for motorists to move over and slow down when passing emergency workers," RCMP spokesman Cpl. Scott MacRae said.

In a release issued Thursday, RCMP pointed out that drivers are still not slowing down for emergency workers on the side of the road, leaving them in dangerous situations as they "assist citizens on our roadways."



An ambulance in Halifax METRO FILE

"We hear too often from our emergency personnel of too many close encounters," said MacRae, adding the checkpoints are a good way to help educate the public and offer a chance for targeted enforcement.

"We are hoping to get the message out to the public and sometimes that means charging people," said MacRae.

For the most part, comments about the checkpoints

have been favourable, said MacRae, adding sometimes motorists are not aware of the law.

"The more people are informed, the more it helps to keep our highways safer," said MacRae.

During the checkpoints on Tuesday, 92 drivers were charged for violating Section 106 F (1) (6) of the Motor Vehicle Act. If convicted, a driver could face a fine of \$348.95.

On a road with two or more lanes in your direction, RCMP said drivers should slow down to 60 kilometres per hour (or follow the speed limit if less) and move over to a lane further away from the stopped emergency vehicle.

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Premier implores nurses to resolve issues with employer

Capital District Health Authority. McNeil promises to protect patients but remains coy about essential services legislation

Premier Stephen McNeil implored nurses with Nova Scotia's largest health authority and their employer to settle their differences and avoid a walkout as the spring sitting of the legislature opened Thursday.

McNeil said the government was monitoring developments in the labour dispute and promised once again to protect patient safety if the 2,400 nurses employed by the Capital District Health Authority walk off the job when they enter a legal

strike position April 3.

He was asked at what point his government would introduce essential services legislation, as he has done earlier this year to stave off a strike by home care workers.

"Our hope is that we'll find a settlement before the 3rd and we encourage the two sides to get back to the table and find a solution," said McNeil.

Labour Minister Kelly Regan was just as coy when asked about the possibility of essential services legislation.

"I do have a bill (today) but it's not the one you're thinking of," Regan told reporters.

And despite the government's request for the two sides to get back to the negotiating table, Health Minister Leo Glavine said he has seen no indication that was about to happen.

"No, the latest I've heard is that Capital Health is con-

Opposition view

Progressive Conservative Leader Jamie Baillie said the government should have introduced essential services legislation with the opening of the house and preliminary cancellation of procedures already underway at Capital Health.

cerned about the level of emergency coverage should there be a strike in the next seven days," said Glavine.

The sides broke off mediated talks on Sunday and have since met to discuss emergency staffing levels.

Capital Health spokesman John Gillis said the union has agreed to provide greater levels of emergency staffing and additional on-call coverage.

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Premier Stephen McNeil heads up the stairs for the sitting of legislature on Thursday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Cape Bretoner helps search for MH370 jet

A Cape Breton native involved in the search for the missing Malaysia Airlines jet says the mission is emotional and people want answers.

"The world is counting on us," said Capt. Mike MacSween, 36, of the Royal

Canadian Air Force, who is currently on a three-year exchange program with the Royal Australian Air Force.

"One of the hard things for myself and the crew — everyone is so motivated and really hoping to find something on

these missions, something to positively link it to the aircraft."

Malaysia Airlines Flight MH370 vanished from civilian radar less than an hour after takeoff from Kuala Lumpur for Beijing with 239

people on board on March 8. The Malaysian prime minister recently told families the plane crashed in the ocean, but some are still clinging to hope for their loved ones.

MacSween, a flight commander from New Victoria in

charge of a 12-man crew, said he can't imagine what the families are going through, and search crews are trying to get answers.

MacSween said his crew spotted some debris this week.

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Theatre festival literally going up

A little bit of everything. Yes, there will even be a performance on an elevator

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When you think of the perfect venue for a theatrical production, locations like playhouse, amphitheatre and coliseum come to mind.

An elevator definitely does not. Until now, that is.

The National Elevator Project, which features various short skits, invites viewers to ride along with the actors and watch a unique story unfold from floor to floor.

This one-of-a-kind theatrical experience is part of the 2014 Magnetic North Theatre Festival that's taking place at various venues throughout Halifax and Dartmouth in June.

"It's going to be an incredible event," said the festival's

founding artistic director, Mary Vingoe, at the event launch Thursday at Neptune Theatre.

The cross-Canada festival, which has travelled to multiple provinces over its 12-year run, will see theatre groups from all ends of Canada congregating in HRM to deliver awe-inspiring, jaw-dropping, and thought-provoking performances to its audience.

Plays will be shown from June 19 to 29.

Of the more unique additions to this year's lineup is Dance Marathon, an interactive event that's sure to get the audience moving and grooving. Spectators are asked to dust off their dancing shoes and join in on this modern spin of a 1920s endurance dance contest.

"Dance Marathon is immersive theatre at its finest," said Magnetic North's artistic director Brenda Leadlay at the launch. "Audiences actually get to strap on their dancing shoes in a dance contest moderated by floor judges."



Charlie Rhindress and Brenda Leadlay present the lineup Thursday for the 2014 Magnetic North Theatre Festival. KAYLYNN PAYNTER/FOR METRO

The featured shows include the National Elevator

Project, which runs June 22 to 25, the Dance Marathon

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Fisheries Minister Gail Shea is shown in this file photo. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Lobster levy key to marketing: Ministers

'We're going to move forward.' Fisheries ministers hope it will be in place by year's end

Fisheries ministers from the Maritimes say they hope a levy to market the lobster industry will be in place by the end of the year, but some consultation is still needed with fisheries organizations.

The levy would see fishermen and the onshore side of

the industry each pay one cent per pound of lobster caught to help market their product, which has been plagued by poor prices.

Nova Scotia Fisheries Minister Keith Colwell said there's consensus among most fishermen and processors to act.

"There's a willingness to do this now," Colwell said Thursday after a meeting on the lobster industry ended in Halifax.

"There will be some kickback from some individuals that complain about everything, and that's fine. We're going to

\$2.5 million estimate

The levy was proposed last November by a three-member panel that reviewed the lobster industry. It's estimated about \$2.5 million a year could be collected through the fee.

move forward."

Colwell said the economic rationale behind the levy is simple: Better marketing means a better price. Lobster

touted as a delicacy can fetch better prices.

Earlier Thursday, federal Fisheries Minister Gail Shea told fishermen, processors and others in the lobster industry that they need to stop fighting and work together if the sector is to thrive.

Shea said the federal government wants to work with lobster fishermen to resolve challenges and address issues contained in the panel report, but the industry needs to take the lead.

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Nuclear safety. Container in radioactive scare not secured properly: Agency

Cylinders carrying radioactive material fell during unloading in Halifax because one end of a shipping container they were in wasn't properly secured to a crane, Canada's nuclear safety agency says.

Four steel cylinders encased in concrete and each weighing 4.5 tonnes fell into the cargo hold of a ship during unloading at the Cerescorp container terminal on March 13.

Andre Regimbald, the director general of the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission, said Thursday during a presentation in Ottawa that two connectors on the crane let go and the container then swung down and snapped off.

"What happened is two of the lifting points on one side ... had not been properly an-

No radiation spills

The commission has said there were no spills or radiation leakage when the cylinders containing granular uranium hexafluoride fell.

chored so all of 18,000 kilograms of weight was being supported by only one side," Regimbald told the commission. "Due to this tremendous weight ... the side eventually sheered off as the flatrack swung downward in a pendulum motion."

The container plummeted about seven metres into the cargo hold with the cylinders still bolted to it.

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Survey. N.S. divided on how to improve economy

A new survey suggests most Nova Scotians agree the province is on the "brink of a long-term decline" as outlined in the Ivany Report but are divided on how to improve the economy.

The latest numbers from the Corporate Research Associates Inc. show 71 per cent of residents agree with Ray Ivany's assessment that N.S. is facing a decline due to a shrinking population and economic under-performance, while 25 per cent disagree.



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Using a scale of 1 to 10 to rank Ivany's recommendations for helping the economy by importance, increasing new business start-ups got the highest mean score of 7.9. METRO

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Women protest in support of Amina Filali, who committed suicide in March 2012, in front of the Moroccan parliament in Rabat. A poll of 50,000 people across 34 African countries finds attitudes toward women's equality are dimmer in the predominantly Muslim north. ABDELJALIL BOUNHAR/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Support lowest for equality in N. Africa: Poll

Afrobarometer poll. Disparities across continent highlighted

Attitudes toward women's equality are dimmer in North Africa than in the rest of the continent, according to a new poll of about 50,000 people across 34 African countries.

The Afrobarometer poll, conducted in 2011-13 and released Thursday, found women are at a disadvantage compared to men across Africa, but support for women's equality is growing.

Those polled in the pre-

dominantly Arab Muslim north gave the lowest level of support for equality and described the highest frequency of discrimination.

North Africa in general reports greater wealth and higher levels of economic development than the rest of the continent.

Yet, while 68 per cent of respondents across Africa felt women could be leaders, that figure was 50 per cent in North Africa, where people in Algeria, Egypt, Morocco, Sudan and Tunisia were interviewed.

In eastern and southern Africa, nearly three-quarters of those polled felt men and women should have equal

opportunities. In North Africa, only 50 per cent thought so.

The education gap between men and women was also the largest in North Africa, even though the overall education levels there were higher than elsewhere on the continent.

The report was presented in Tunisia, which has long been considered the most progressive Arab nation concerning women's rights. Despite a conservative Islamist party being voted into power recently, politicians have just completed a new constitution that closely safeguards women's rights.

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Miley in college ... sort of

It's not twerking 101, prof says

A college in upstate New York is offering a summer course on Miley Cyrus: Race, Class, Gender and Media.

Chernoff says she'll focus on the 21-year-old performer and all her incarnations as a way to study such topics as gender, race, class, fame and power.

She says she got the idea after teaching a course on youth culture that featured video of Cyrus twerking at the 2013 MTV Video Music Awards.

Carolyn Chernoff calls the course The Sociology of Miley Cyrus: Race, Class, Gender and Media.


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Miley Cyrus
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But Chernoff says students will have to learn how to twerk on their own time. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A full-page advertisement featuring a model with long brown hair and blue eyes, wearing a vibrant, multi-colored floral dress. The dress has a bold pattern with large pink, red, yellow, and black floral shapes. The model is leaning against a white wall with a window in the background. The lighting is bright and natural, creating soft shadows. The overall aesthetic is clean and modern.

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U.S. couple accused of starving girl get three years in jail

An American couple charged with starving their eight-year-old adopted daughter to death in the Gulf Arab country of Qatar was sentenced Thursday to three years in prison.

The prosecution had demanded the death penalty,

alleging Matthew and Grace Huang had denied Gloria food and locked her in her room at night.

The Huangs say their adopted daughter, who was born in Ghana, died of medical problems complicated by unusual eating habits that included periods of binging and self-starvation. Defence witnesses testified the girl was healthy and active just days before her death. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Man posed as female

Rapist sentenced to death in China

A Chinese court has sentenced to death a rapist who posed as a female on online social networks to lure 16 girls to meet him, the official Xinhua News Agency reported Thursday.

Wang Yong, 40, was sentenced earlier this month for raping the girls aged 12 to 16 starting in 2009.

Xinhua said Wang was unemployed and posed as a female to convince schoolgirls to meet him. He raped the girls in hotels.

The court in Wuhu city also sentenced Wang's accomplice, a 16-year-old girl who said she had been coerced by him, to three years' imprisonment. She brought younger girls whose trust she had gained to the hotels.

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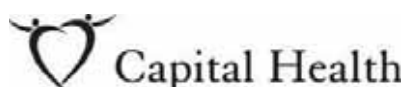
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Hideko Hakamada, sister of inmate Iwao Hakamada, is all smiles at a press conference in Shizuoka, Japan, Thursday, after the district court decided to reopen a high-profile murder case in which her brother, inset, has been on death row for 45 years. KYODO NEWS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Inmate freed after nearly half century on death row

Guinness World Record. 45 of his 48 years in prison were on death row, making Hakamada the longest-serving such inmate

The world's longest-serving death-row inmate was freed Thursday by a Japanese court which found investigators had likely fabricated evidence in the murder case that put the former pro boxer behind bars for nearly half a century.

The Shizuoka District Court suspended the death sentence and ordered a retrial for 78-year-old Iwao Hakamada, who had been convicted in the 1966 murder of a family and was sentenced to death in 1968. Hours later, Hakamada walked out of the Tokyo Detention Center, escorted by his sister, Hideko, 81, who devoted more than half of her life to the legal battle. Hakamada was convicted of killing a company manager and his family and setting fire to their home, where he was a live-in employee.

Lengthy process

Hakamada was not executed because of a lengthy appeals process.

- It took 27 years for the Supreme Court to deny his first appeal for a retrial. He filed a second appeal in 2008, and the court finally ruled in his favour on Thursday.
- Thursday's ruling underscores Japan's much-criticized closed interrogations without a lawyer, which rely heavily on self-confession. Hakamada had confessed in a closed interrogation that lasted 20 days.

The court said Thursday that a DNA analysis showed that blood stains on five pieces of clothing, which investigators said were worn by the culprit during the crime, did not match the DNA of Hakamada, and trousers that prosecutors submitted as evidence did not fit when he tried them on.

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WHO declares 'victory' over polio in India

'A day that we have dreamt about.' Once considered all but an impossibility, the country is now officially free of the 'dreaded disease'

The scourge of polio ends in India with a four-year-old girl, Rukhsar Khatoon, who became ill as a baby after her parents forgot to get her vaccinated.

Her barely perceptible limp the only lingering sign of the disease, Rukhsar was the last person to contract polio in the nation of 1.2 billion people.

The World Health Organization formally declared India polio-free on Thursday, after three years with no new cases. It said the milestone means the entire Southeast Asian region, home to a quarter of the world's population, is con-



A man tends to his polio-affected son in New Delhi Thursday. The WHO has formally declared India polio-free, with no new case of the disease detected in the country in the past three years. MANISH SWARUP/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

sidered free of the disease.

Being declared polio-free once was considered all but impossible in a nation hobbled by corruption, poor sanitation and profound poverty. Although the disease could return, eradi-

cating it is a landmark public health achievement.

This is "a day that we have dreamt about," said Poonam Khetrapal Singh, a WHO official at a ceremony in New Delhi to declare the entire Southeast

Polio facts

Polio is a vaccine-preventable disease that has been eradicated in most countries. But it still causes paralysis or death in some parts of the world, including Nigeria, Pakistan and Afghanistan.

- The virus attacks the central nervous system, causing paralysis of muscles that leave limbs stunted or withered.
- Children younger than five are especially vulnerable to the disease.

Asian region free of the disease. Singh described it as "a day that all countries fought hard for, and a day when all stakeholders come together to celebrate the victory of mankind over a dreaded disease."

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Health. Morning-after pill to carry weight warning

Emergency contraceptive pills known as the morning-after pill will soon carry new warnings about reduced effectiveness in women weighing more than 165 pounds.

Health Canada has asked companies to add warnings to packaging advising that the pills are less effective in women weighing 165 to 176 pounds and are not effective in women weighing more than that.

Women who weigh 165 pounds or more are advised to ask a health professional for advice on alternative methods of emergency contraception.

The morning-after pills available without prescription in Canada are Next Choice, Norlevo, Option 2 and Plan B.

The drugs are taken by women up to 72 hours after unprotected sex or a contraceptive accident, such as a condom breaking, to prevent pregnancy.

The pills contain a higher dose of levonorgestrel compared to regular birth control pills with this hormone and work by preventing ovulation or fertilization of an egg. They have no effect if a woman is already pregnant.

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30 per cent jump

U.S. estimates 1 in 68 children has autism

The U.S. government increased its autism estimate on Thursday to 1 in 68 U.S. children. That's a 30 per cent jump from the last federal estimate of 1 in 88

children with autism or a related disorder. The latest calculation means autism is more than twice as common as officials said it was just seven years ago.

This latest estimate by the Atlanta-based Centers for Disease Control and Prevention means autism affects roughly 1.2 million U.S. children and teens.

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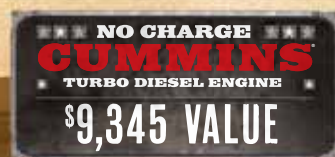
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North Korea. No signs that students ordered to get Kim Jong-un haircuts

North Korean leader Kim Jong-un's distinctive hairstyle is the 'do of the day on the Internet, thanks to a viral report that every male university student in the capital is now under orders to get a buzz just like it. But it appears the barbers of Pyongyang aren't exactly sharpening their scissors.

Recent visitors to the country say they've seen no evidence of any mass haircutting. North Korea watchers smell another imaginative but uncorroborated rumour.

Wide interest in the reports reflect the fascination the outside world has had with the



North Korean leader Kim Jong-un
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unique hairstyles of both Kim Jong-un and his father, the late Kim Jong-il, who had a one-of-a-kind bouffant.

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Violation of privacy

French magazine fined over photos showing president with actress

A French court has ordered a gossip magazine to pay 15,000 euros for publishing photos of what it said was a helmeted President Francois Hollande visiting an actress for a secret tryst.

Hollande broke up with his partner Valerie Trierweiler within days of the publication in Closer magazine in January. He has never denied an affair with actress Julie Gayet.

Gayet sued the magazine for violation of privacy. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Fired for misconduct

Court rejects Edmonton police officer's appeal

A former army sniper fired from the Edmonton Police Service for misconduct that included urinating on another officer has lost a chance to save his job.

The Alberta Court of Appeal has ruled that a review board's decision to uphold Rob Furlong's firing for misconduct was acceptable.

The Law Enforcement Review Board ruled last summer that it was reasonable for police to fire Furlong for bad behaviour during a training event after a night of heavy drinking. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

IMF offers Ukraine up to \$18 billion in loans

New government. It finds itself caught between the demands of international creditors and a restive population

Western nations rushed to help Ukraine on Thursday, with the International Monetary Fund pledging up to \$18 billion in loans, the UN condemning the vote that drove Crimea into Russian hands and the U.S. Congress considering even harsher sanctions against Russia.

Yet even with such intensive help to prop up Ukraine's teetering economy, the prime minister warned that all residents are going to feel pain from the necessary financial reforms ahead — and home energy prices are certain to rise quickly.

Necessary change

'Kamikaze government'

The reforms demanded by the IMF — which included raising taxes, freezing the minimum wage and hiking energy prices — will hit households hard and are

And if that wasn't enough, former Ukrainian prime minister Yulia Tymoshenko — one of the country's most polarizing figures — said she will run for president in the May 25 vote. The announcement is sure to usher in strong emotions in Ukraine's turbulent politics.

Russia, for its part, shrugged off the spotlight that was on Ukraine and the torrent of criticism directed at its annexation of Crimea. President Vladimir Putin's government announced it would set up its own payment system to rival Visa and MasterCard after the two companies pulled their services from some Russian banks in the wake of international sanctions.

Speaking in Rome, U.S. President Barack Obama called the swell of support a "concrete signal of how the world is united with Ukraine."

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Former Ukrainian prime minister Yulia Tymoshenko speaks during a press conference in Kyiv, Ukraine, Thursday. Tymoshenko announced on Thursday she will run for presidential elections set for May 25.

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Day 1: the Problem

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Upheaval is coming for First Nations schools. The federal government is planning to invest nearly \$2 billion into the neglected system and give communities more control over their own education. Metro travelled to two on-reserve schools to document their condition, the details of the plan and why many people say the proposed changes may be their kids' last chance.

Feds set course — but not date

The road to the First Nations Control of First Nations Education Act has been a hard one.

After four years of dialogue, national outcry from indigenous people and a failed first draft, the federal government says it is finally on track to improving Canada's on-reserve education.

Shawn Atleo, national chief of the Assembly of First Nations, condemned the original First Nations Education Act in November 2013.

In an open letter to Bernard Valcourt, minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada, Atleo explained the document was "not acceptable" for First Nations in Canada.

Atleo said indigenous people need control over education, statutory funding, language and culture classes, no unilateral federal oversight and ongoing dialogue.

While critics of the draft say the federal government wasn't hearing what First Nations people were saying, Valcourt insists he heard them loud and clear.

"After we got the draft bill out, that's when the chiefs

and the assembly considered the draft and outlined what they believed were the conditions necessary to ensure the success of an education system," he said.

But while Valcourt said the changes are historic, it may be a while before Canadians see them.

"That work is taking place as we speak and we have no timeline in terms of when this will be ready, but it is important that we continue the dialogue with First Nations."

Atleo said the commitments made by the federal government are a step in the right direction. "They put resources on the table," Atleo said in a recent interview.

Both Atleo and Valcourt said the road ahead would be challenging but worth it.

"This is for the benefit of the whole country," said Valcourt. "The First Nation leaders and chiefs and councillors I've talked to on reserve, they all want to be a part of a successful Canada, of a Canada where there is an opportunity for everyone provided that they have the tools — and this is a fundamental tool that

Success stories

There are a few notable exceptions to the lacklustre First Nations education system in Canada.

- **British Columbia.** Indigenous communities have worked with the government on a unique system since the '90s. Their education authorities are providing a foundation for the federal proposals. Students can move seamlessly between First Nations and public schools.
- **Nova Scotia.** Mi'kmaw Kina'matnewey earned the right to control its education in 1999 and incorporates culturally sensitive curricula and indigenous language immersion. In the 2012-13 school year, it reported an 87.7 per cent high school graduation rate.

they badly need."

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Making moving



Grade 4 teacher Myra Laponsee with her students at Sturgeon Lake Central School. While some teachers at on-reserve put forward by the federal government, others say it may be a step in the right direction to restoring First Nations culture.

Reclaiming what was lost. Teachers united in call for government to repair damage to native culture — but split on their current attempt



MORGAN MODJESKI
Metro in Saskatoon

Want to know the impact of the funding deficit on aboriginal culture? Just ask a teacher.

Educators at two First Nations schools in central Saskatchewan say the federal government needs to do much more to teach on-reserve stu-

dents about their history and culture.

They argue a lack of funding is denying students a chance to learn about First Nations traditions and languages, which were repressed and almost lost through Canada's residential schools system.

"They lost a part of themselves," says Grade 1 teacher

Karen Rondeau, speaking in her small classroom at the Sturgeon Lake Central School, which serves the Sturgeon Lake First Nation.

"To make themselves whole again, they need their culture; they need their language; they need their traditions to be proud people and move on," Rondeau says. "(The Federal Government) took it away, so why not give it back?"

Through the First Nations Control of First Nations Education Act, Prime Minister Stephen Harper plans to release \$1.252 billion in additional

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schools are skeptical about the First Nations Control of First Nations Education Act
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core funding for First Nations education over three years, starting in 2016. This, Harper says, would allow communities to "incorporate language and culture programming."

But with little information on how the money will be distributed, some, like Charlene Constant, who teaches Grade 1 at Bernard Constant Community School on the James Cree Nation, are skeptical.

"It sounds like a big number," she says. "But once you break that down to all the bands in Canada and it goes through whoever it needs to

go through ... it's not going to be enough."

Myra Laponsee, who teaches Grade 4 at Sturgeon Lake Central School, feels the bill is a step forward in restoring First Nations traditions.

"I know it's really difficult to get (our culture) back, but it's possible; it's absolutely possible," she says.

"Right now, what they're trying to do, as First Nations people, it's only going to benefit us. It's not the government writing it for us this time, the way they did back then. It's us writing our own education act."

Giving kids a sporting chance

For some students in Canada, access to sport and athletics is as simple as putting their name on a sign-up sheet.

For some students on First Nations reserves, the thought is a pipe dream.

For the last five years, Blair Sands has taught physical education at Bernard Constant Community School on the James Smith First Nation in central Saskatchewan. He says his students are missing out on opportunities to nurture their athletic abilities and their future.

"There's no doubt in my mind that sports have a positive impact on young people," said Sands, as students zip by on small scooters in the gym. Working with community



Blair Sands, the phys-ed teacher at Bernard Constant Community School, has started fundraising through a non-profit booster club to ensure his students have access to sports. MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO IN SASKATOON

members, parents and administrators, Sands started a non-profit booster club to raise

funds for the school's athletics program, as his budget for the 2013-14 school year was

set at roughly \$500.

"You can lower crime rates and you can lower drop-out rates if you have the right programming and the right people," he says.

Sands says they've raised roughly \$20,000 in equipment and cash through provincial grants and contributions.

"If (youth) are in a sports program, they're not getting into trouble because they're playing volleyball, they're playing hockey or they're on the gym mat," he says. "I'm not a gambling man — but the odds are against you if you don't have positive things to influence your life, coaching and sports included."

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Beating the odds



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Athletics may well have saved Erralyn Thomas's life.

Thomas, the B.C. youth representative for the Assembly of First Nations, hails from the Snuneymuxw First Nation, located on the southeast part of Vancouver Island.

The 27-year-old says her school was the size of a trailer and sat between a railway

and a highway.

"We had to turn people away," says Thomas. "It's not really safe." The graduation rate, she added, was around 40 per cent at the time she finished high school.

Her parents were alcoholics and left when she was 11 or 12, leaving her and her brother with their grandparents, who were residential school survivors.

"That affected their parenting," she says.

But Thomas found solace in sport. Her high school coaches took a personal interest when she was in trouble.

"I was out on the streets from 13 to 16, and so mentors and my coaches ... helped me get here," she says.

Thomas earned a lacrosse scholarship to Niagara University and played in the 2009 women's lacrosse World Cup. Today, she is a law student at the University of British Columbia.



Erralyn Thomas
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On the web



- 1 Audio slideshow.** Keeping a language alive
Go online for a snapshot of a Cree language course and find out how some teachers are trying to reintroduce their students to a culture almost lost.
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Once-stolen Renoir returns to Baltimore

On the Shore of the Seine. Painting went missing for decades

A tiny Renoir painting has returned home to a gallery in the Baltimore Museum of Art nearly 63 years after it was stolen and then kept mysteriously hidden for decades until

it resurfaced in 2012.

Pierre-Auguste Renoir's painting *On the Shore of the Seine*, from about 1879, was unveiled Thursday as the centerpiece of a new exhibition, *The Renoir Returns*. It opens to the public Sunday.

"It's a moment we've been looking forward to," said museum director Doreen Bolger. "I always believed in my heart that it would come back.... It's

what we're about: preserving works of art."

The painting, just 5 1/2 by 9 inches (14 by 23 centimetres), reappeared in 2012 when a Virginia woman claimed she unknowingly bought it at a flea market for \$7. A Washington Post reporter discovered the painting's connection to the Baltimore museum, and police uncovered a theft report from 1951. The Renoir became

the subject of a dramatic legal dispute involving the FBI, the woman who said she found the painting, an insurance company's rights to the artwork and the intentions of Saidie May, an art collector who bought the painting in Paris in 1925 and lent it to the museum. In January, a federal judge awarded ownership of the little Renoir to the museum.

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Renoir's painting *On the Shore of the Seine*. PATRICK SEMANSKY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Chocolate on demand

Candy giant Mars Inc. opens new \$270M plant in Kansas

Americans aren't losing their taste for chocolate. Need proof? Look to Kansas, where Mars Inc. is operating its first new plant in 35 years to churn out millions of sweets every day.

Company officials had a grand opening Thursday for the sprawling, \$270 million chocolate plant — which they say exists mostly to meet U.S. demand for its M&M's and

Snickers-brand candy.

The plant, built south of Topeka, will be able to produce 14 million bite-sized Snickers each day, as well as 39 million M&M's, enough to fill 1.5 million fun-sized packs. The company expects the plant to be filling orders for another 50 years.

With the scent of chocolate in the air, dozens of workers in white uniforms and hairnets cheered as Gov. Sam Brownback helped turn a lever that brought the machines to life and signalled the official start of production.

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U.S. newlywed. Woman gets over 30 years for pushing husband off cliff

A woman was sentenced Thursday to more than 30 years in prison for killing her husband of eight days by pushing him from a cliff after they argued over her regrets about the marriage.

U.S. District Judge Donald Molloy said he saw no remorse from Jordan Graham, 22, in the killing of Cody Johnson, 25. He sentenced her to 30 years and five months in prison and ordered her to pay \$16,910 in restitution.

Graham will be subject to five years of court supervision

upon her release. There is no possibility of parole in the federal system, meaning she's likely to serve the full term.

A tearful Graham took the stand during Thursday's sentencing hearing, apologizing to her family and Johnson's.

But Molloy indicated he had continuing doubts about the Kalispell woman's honesty. The judge said he was waiting for Graham "to say she was sorry for killing Cody," KGVO-AM reported.

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In this Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2013 file photo, Jordan Graham, centre, is flanked by defence attorneys Michael Donahoe, left, and Andy Nelson, as she leaves court in Missoula, Mont. STEPHAN FERRY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE



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Spotters play key role in search for missing plane

Hunt for Flight 370. Eyes can spot things man-made equipment can't — but they also can play tricks

They stare out at a punishingly unbroken expanse of grey water, their eyes darting up and down, left and right, looking for something, anything, that could explain the fate of the missing Malaysia Airlines plane.

The hunt for Flight 370, which vanished on March 8 during a trip from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing, is complicated in just about every way imaginable, from the vastness of the search area to its distance from land to the brutal weather that plagues it. But for all the fancy technology on board the planes and vessels scouring the swirling waters, the best tool searchers have

are their own eyes. But those eyes are also subject to the peculiarities of the human brain. They can blink at the wrong moment, and can grow weary.

"It is incredibly fatiguing work," says Flight Lt. Stephen Graham, tactical co-ordinator for the crew on board a Royal New Zealand Air Force P-3 Orion. Search and rescue makes up a small part of what Graham's squadron does, and visual spotting is an even smaller subset of that. But everyone on board has had to learn how to do it — and it's not as simple as most people think. Graham learned as part of a year-long training stint in Canada, and has had ongoing training since.

Crew members have to know what they're doing, because the electronic equipment on board sometimes doesn't. No one on board is a designated spotter; everyone rotates positions to fight fatigue. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Search continues

Many clues but no luck

The clues keep piling up: more mysterious objects spotted in the southern Indian Ocean, perhaps part of the missing Malaysian airliner, perhaps not.

Strong winds and fast currents make it difficult to pinpoint where they are right now, and stormy weather Thursday again halted the hunt by air and sea for evidence of debris fields. The search for the plane that disappeared March 8 has yet to produce a single piece of debris — not to mention the black boxes, which could solve the mystery of why the jet flew so far off-course.

Japan said it provided

Malaysia with information from satellite images taken Wednesday showing about 10 objects that might be debris from the plane in the same general area as the 122 objects spotted by a French satellite on Sunday.

Muddying the picture perhaps, a Thai satellite revealed about 300 objects about 200 kilometres to the southwest of the items seen by the Japanese and French satellites. The photos were taken Monday, one day after the French and two days before the Japanese.

Heavy rain, wind and low clouds caused the Australian Maritime Safety Authority to pull back all 11 planes scheduled to take part in the search Thursday. Five ships continued the hunt. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Flight Lt. Jayson Nichols looks at a map as he flies aboard a Royal Australian Air Force AP-3C Orion aircraft during a search operation for the missing Malaysian Airlines Flight MH370 over the southern Indian Ocean, Thursday. Planes and ships searching for debris failed to find any on Thursday before bad weather cut their hunt short. **MICHAEL MARTINA-POOL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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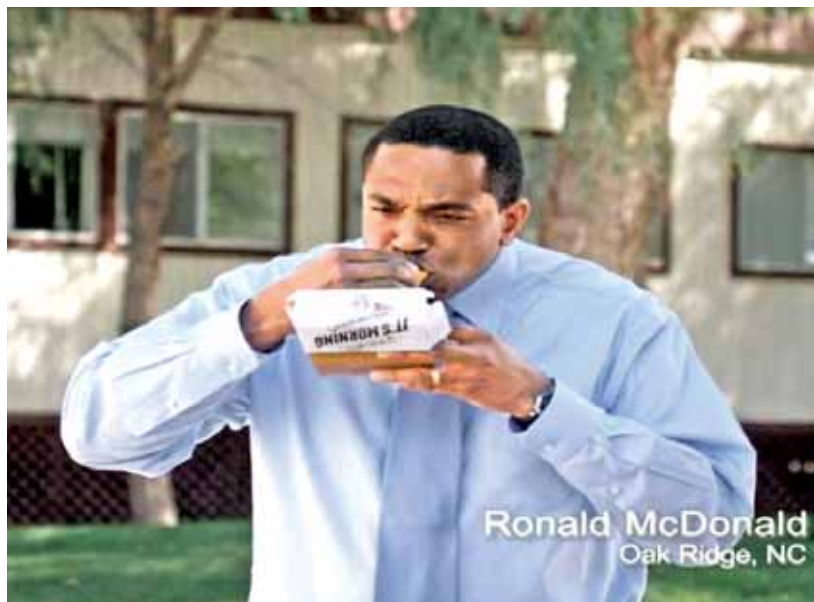
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Ronald McDonald
Oak Ridge, NC

Start your day off right ... with Taco Bell?

This frame grab from a video shows Ronald McDonald of Oak Ridge, N.C., in a Taco Bell commercial. The fast-food chain began airing ads in the U.S. Thursday that feature everyday men who happen to have the same name as the McDonald's mascot. The marketing campaign is intended to promote Taco Bell's new breakfast menu, which features novelties like a waffle taco. TACO BELL VIA TAYLOR STRATEGY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Building buzz for Lego subscription service for children

Toy story. Play offers toy rentals for kids

Toy rental company Play is laying down Lego foundations for global expansion.

The U.S.-based startup — dubbed the “Netflix for Lego” — is growing brick-by-brick after receiving millions in investment. Mother of two Elina Furman set up the company to cut the cost and clutter caused by children's rapid consumption of toys. The 15,000 members of Play can rent and receive door-to-door delivery from a choice of thousands of Lego sets for a fee between \$15 and \$39 US. The founder explains why this venture is providing the

educational building blocks for the future.

When did you see the gap in the market?

Eighteen months ago I had an avalanche of toys because of my other job as “A-List Mom” (a children's advice and ideas website). I thought, How can I manage this and reduce our footprint and at the same time give children access to educational toys rather than just cluttering our lives? So I started looking for an opportunity to rent.

What are you trying to teach children?

I'm moving away from the old consumer model based on material possessions and creating a community based on a sharing experience. Children have the responsibility of separating bricks, checking all the pieces are included and thinking about their ecological footprint. Also, parents want to get their children into Lego because of the cognitive and spatial awareness skills that can be gained by playing with the toy.

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Lulu's 2013 profits up, sales to be flat

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JUNOS ONLY MISSING ONE THING

1 On the money. Who says being a writer doesn't pay? The Royal Canadian Mint unveiled a silver collector's coin honouring acclaimed Canadian author Alice Munro. The mint's president, Ian Bennett, says the coin is a "beautiful and meaningful keepsake for readers, writers and collectors alike." Know what I consider a meaningful keepsake? Her actual books.

2 The Juno Awards. Has anyone noticed this show getting a lot sexier over the last decade? With all-star guests like Arcade Fire, Michael Bublé and Avril Lavigne hitting Winnipeg like a warm spell, the Junos have become must-see TV. The only thing missing, sadly, is me.

3 J'accuse. The Parti Québécois has alleged that Anglos from outside Quebec are committing voter fraud and trying to "steal" the provincial election. Apparently hundreds of Ontario students have been denied voter registration despite having lived in Montreal for years. To be fair, it's not that they don't want people to vote. They just prefer the ones



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Mike Benhaim
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that are likely to vote for them.

4 En Vogue. Kim and Kanye were the "tweet of the town" after this week's Vogue pictorial, but what really struck me upon visiting her profile was the message on my screen that read "Sign up for the Kim Kardashian Newsletter and stay in the know," implying that there's anything about her that we still need to know. #VogueBacklash

5 Attention, Entourage fans. Good news: The long-awaited film version is currently being shot. All original cast members return as the circulating group-selfies confirm, including Sloan, played by homegirl Emmanuelle Chriqui and a huge list of secret celebrity cameos. The bad news? You'll have to wait till summer of

2015. #entouragemovie

6 Kroll Show. In this week's finale, American comic and star of The League Nick Kroll took it to our nation with a Degrassi spoof and other very amusing Canuck-based parodies. Because on the growing list of topics that are now taboo, Canadians are

among the few people you're still allowed to openly mock.

7 #RobtheMob. Amidst all the big-budget films being released, this is one that's generating a remarkable level of positive buzz. After previews, Rob the Mob hits L.A. theatres Friday as this season's sneaky surprise with a solid cast, including Andy Garcia and Boardwalk Empire's Michael Pitt. Punctuating the film throughout are various versions of Stephen Endelman's original song Love and the Gun, a quietly epic retro-anthem sung by soon-to-be revealed secret superstar Tamela D'Amico.

8 Colon Cancer Canada. There's nothing funny about this disease, but their annual Push For Your Tush campaign does inspire a chuckle. Hockey legend Darryl Sittler always participates as his late wife was the inspiration for the fundraiser Wendy Bear. Warning: He's still pretty strong so do not attempt a surprise bodycheck like I did. Especially after he knocks you out the first time. Happening Canada-wide in the month of June, register now. @ColonCancerCDA #PushForYourTush



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This bird's in fine feather



Tropical parrot is a painted person

This may look like a typical holiday snap of a tropical parrot, but a closer inspection reveals it is in fact a painted person. The artwork is the latest offering from former world champion body painter Johannes Stoetter, who spent weeks painstakingly planning how he could transform a female model into an exotic bird. **METRO**



A close-up of the artist at work.

Discerning eyes needed to see woman

Despite all the difficulty, Stoetter was satisfied in the end. "I feel very happy with the final work. Most people's reaction is 'nice photo of a parrot, where did you photograph it?'" the artist said. "Even some of my closest friends who know me and my art didn't notice that it is not a real parrot. When they found out, they were really amazed and surprised." **METRO**

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Cash is so passé. The idea of using credit, debit or (god forbid) actual money to buy something is fading out. The future is now full of mobile-swiping and button-clicking to achieve even the simplest of necessities such as food or drinks. Despite the hype surrounding bitcoins, most people seem hesitant about adopting the digital currency. Thanks to the proliferation of smartphone technology, now you can eat and drink without ever having to worry about cards or cash.



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Comments

RE: The Reason Canadian Kids Suck At Math? They Aren't Doing It, says Paul Sullivan. Published March 25

This debate seems so 20-years-ago to me. People are even still talking about calculators. The elephant in the room here is the fact that everyone now has access to a super computer.

People graduate from high

school without even being able to model simple physical systems outside some memorized formulas. Things don't get much better in university either. We are in the end going to have to rip out and replace a lot of our current curriculum.

So if things like the "discovery" system don't work, the answer is not to retreat to the old ways. The old ways don't work either.

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Synopsis

After a quick recap of Old Testament highlights we meet Noah, the last descendant of Adam and Eve's son Seth. The world he lives in is a dangerous place, ruled by Cain's bloodthirsty bloodline, but Noah (Russell Crowe) and family (Jennifer Connelly, Douglas Booth, Emma Watson, Logan Lerman and Leo McHugh Carroll) live as nature-loving, proto-hippies. That is, until Noah has an—apocalyptic dream. Consulting with his grandfather Methuselah (Anthony Hopkins), he determines The Creator wants him to build an ark and laden it with two of every creature in advance of a great flood that will destroy mankind and the violence they perpetrate. But Noah will have to make some troubling decisions to fulfill God's will.

- Richard: ●●●●●
- Mark: ●●●●●

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN



Russell Crowe and Jennifer Connelly in *Noah*. CONTRIBUTED

Crowe floats this boat

Up to the ark. Darren Aronofsky's art-house epic *Noah* rises above its biblical origins

Richard: Mark, the best way I can describe *Noah* is emotionally ambitious. It takes a familiar story and shines a new light on it by highlighting Noah's spiritual quandary. In the film—which takes liberties with the biblical story—he's a vegan prophet who grapples with doing God's will while balancing the needs of all of humanity, particularly his family. The meaning of faith and the consequences of adhering to that faith are the film's main thrust, but as interesting as that is, the mov-

ie feels like one thing when it is addressing the spiritual and quite another—possibly a Lord of the Rings movie—when it is in action movie mode.

Mark: Richard, I queasily bought the transition from religious allegory to action pic because I admired the tone and quality of the movie. I shuddered when I first heard about the picture, but then got interested when I found out Aronofsky was directing. Unlike most biblical epics, the dialogue isn't embarrassing and the lead actor isn't over the top.

RC: It's not your father's biblical epic, that's for sure. This is an art-house epic that filters the story through Aronofsky's impressionistic

style. Some may criticize the movie for not being reverent enough, but I thought he treated the story as a living, breathing thing and not an artifact from another time. But having said that, Aronofsky moves in mysterious ways. He shot the epic almost entirely in close-up, and the flood scene could have used a bit more Cecil B. DeMille.

MB: He also indulged in some sci-fi flourishes I don't remember from the Bible! But I accepted them as part of the world of wonder when the Earth was a pre-prehistoric place. The movie has a strong environmental message and also feels critical of doctrinaire religious fundamentalism. *Noah*, at the end, almost makes a choice that only a deranged religious

kook would make. Speaking of which, what did you think of Russell Crowe?

RC: Crowe's been in a bit of a slump in recent years. The dangerous, complex actor of movies like *Gladiator* and *A Beautiful Mind* seemed to have taken a backseat to the performer who thought making *The Man with the Iron Fists* was a good idea. *Noah* is a nice reminder of Crowe's delicate mix of fearsome masculinity and subtle sensitivity.

MB: I thought he was wonderfully restrained in the part even when he was deranged with fervour. My only complaint is that the movie peaks too soon. I guess there's a bit of a problem with the story... arc.

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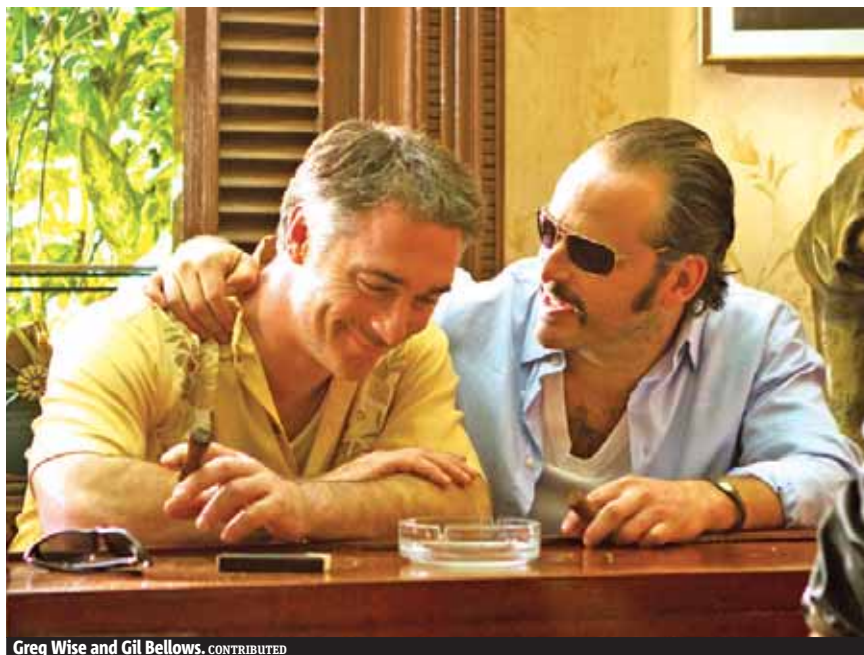
STEVE GOW

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In Gil Bellows' new drama *Three Days in Havana*, Cuba plays as much a character as the Canadian actor's ill-fated protagonist.

"What a beautiful, dynamic place to be," said Bellows from Los Angeles. "What prompted us to tell this kind of story was to put a character in an environment that would feel foreign to him and to an audience and make it take on this personality of its own so it could be mysterious and sexy and comical."

Reminiscent of the suspense-filled films of Alfred Hitchcock, the movie tells the tale of an insurance executive who heads to Havana only to find himself



Greg Wise and Gil Bellows. CONTRIBUTED

embroiled in a mysterious murder plot after meeting an ebullient but evasive writer in the Cuban capital.

"We went twice to scout (and) found all our locations, our actors, all the good places to eat and good places

to listen to music and hang out," said Bellows who co-wrote and co-directed the film with creative partner

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Actor and director Gil Bellows

Tony Pantages. "We tried to squeeze every ounce of our experience and put it into the film."

In essence, *Three Days in Havana* took nearly a quarter of a century to bring to the big screen. Pantages and Bellows (who may best be recognized for his role on TV's *Ally McBeal*) first decided to make a movie when both were still struggling actors. After finding inspiration with this story in 2010, the pair took the unusual strategy of writing a treatment to send to 10

Bellows on:

- **His inspirations:** "The Coen Brothers, (Alfred) Hitchcock, (Michael-angelo) Antonioni. Those were the three big ones."
- **Directing:** "I've sort of toyed with directing a few different times and I like it. I definitely want to incorporate the opportunity to do it a few more times with some stories I'm eager to do."

different writers to interpret their own version.

"Ultimately we shaped and carved and rewrote but it gave us the opportunity to mine and tap into the imaginations and creativity of a bunch of people who we wanted to work with," said Bellows. "We (wanted this to be) both the celebration of 25 years of friendship and at the same time the grand experiment — and that part of it was a grand experiment."



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Sabotage puts Arnie under the gun



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Given his resumé, it's understandable that Arnold Schwarzenegger would think he knew all there is to know about action movies. So naturally when *Sabotage* director David Ayer suggested the former California governor sign up for some weapons training prior to filming, he balked. "Why do I need weapons training? I mean, I've shot more guns than anyone in movie history and killed more people than anyone, so why do we need to go through weapons training?" he remembers thinking.

But Schwarzenegger was actually impressed by Ayer's push for realism and technical accuracy — and with just the fact that the *End of Watch* director had work for the *Terminator* star to do at all.

Working with a taskmaster

"I love that he pushed me.... David came in and was very clear with the set of things that needed to be done."

Arnold Schwarzenegger, on working with *Sabotage* director David Ayer



Arnold Schwarzenegger in *Sabotage*. CONTRIBUTED

"I love that he pushed me," he says. "Sometimes directors get intimidated when they meet someone like me. They say, 'I'm looking forward to working with you' and 'Let's just figure out how we're going to get ready for the movie,' and those kinds of things. But David came in and was very clear with the set of things that needed to be done."

He also knows that the filmmaking world has changed a lot since his action heyday, and because of that, a decent amount of preparation goes a long way.

"When you get to the set, the day is not anymore like in the '80s and '90s where a studio would raise \$100 million and you would have a great action movie. Those were the

old days," Schwarzenegger says. "The budgets are half of what they used to be because the rest of the money is being used for the franchise movies and the big sequels and stuff like that. It's a different world but you have to adjust to that."

Making *Sabotage* didn't just present Schwarzenegger with a new kind of filmmaking experience but also a new type of character to play. "From an acting point of view, it was the most challenging because I've never played a character like this," he says of his role in the morally murky DEA thriller. "My characters usually play black-and-white and I'm the good guy and I upset the bad guys, and then with a little bit of humour throughout the movie and that's it," he says.

Ratings and synopses courtesy of Rotten Tomatoes. For more movie reviews, trailers and news go to RottenTomatoes.com. Ratings: Certified Fresh: 🍅 Fresh: 🍅 Rotten: 🍌 Audience response: 🍌 Audience anticipation for the film: +

Comedy/Drama



Bad Words

Director. Jason Bateman

Stars. Jason Bateman,
Kathryn Hahn

Jason Bateman makes his feature directorial debut with *Bad Words*. Bateman stars as Guy Trilby, a 40-year-old who finds a loophole in the rules of The Golden Quill national spelling bee and decides to cause trouble by hijacking the competition. Contest officials, outraged parents, and overly ambitious eighth graders are no match for Guy, as he ruthlessly crushes their dreams of victory and fame.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 🍅 74% Audience: 🍌 65%

Mystery/Comedy



Cheap Thrills

Director. E.L. Katz

Stars. Pat Healy,
Sara Paxton

Cheap Thrills follows Craig (Pat Healy), a family man who loses his job and is threatened with eviction. To delay facing the music at home, he heads to a local bar and encounters a friend (Ethan Embry). The two friends are roped into drinks by a stranger (David Koechner) and his wife (Sara Paxton). The couple engages the two in dares for money, and soon the couple pushes how far Craig and his friend are willing to go for money and cheap thrills.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 🍅 90% Audience: 🍌 96%

Drama



Noah

Director. Darren Aronofsky

Stars. Russell Crowe,
Jennifer Connelly

Russell Crowe stars as Noah in the film inspired by the epic biblical story of courage, sacrifice and hope. Directed by visionary filmmaker Darren Aronofsky.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 🍅 90% Audience: 🍌 75%

Drama/Mystery/Comedy



Veronica Mars

Director. Rob Thomas

Stars. Kristen Bell,
Ryan Hansen

On the eve of graduating law school, Veronica Mars has put Neptune and her amateur sleuthing days behind her. While interviewing at high-end New York law firms, Veronica Mars gets a call from her ex-boyfriend Logan, who has been accused of murder. Veronica heads back to Neptune just to help Logan find an attorney, but when things don't seem right, Veronica finds herself being pulled back into a life she thought she had left behind.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 🍅 77% Audience: + 94%

Drama



Gloria

Director. Sebastián Lelio

Stars. Paulina Garcia,
Sergio Hernández

Gloria is a "woman of a certain age" but still feels young. Though lonely, she makes the best of her situation and fills her nights seeking love at social dance clubs for single adults. Her fragile happiness changes the day she meets Rodolfo. Their intense passion, to which Gloria gives her all, leaves her vacillating between hope and despair – until she uncovers a new strength and realizes she can shine brighter than ever.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 🍅 99% Audience: 🍌 65%

Drama/Comedy



The Grand Budapest Hotel

Director. Wes Anderson

Stars. Bill Murray,
Ralph Fiennes

The *Grand Budapest Hotel* recounts the adventures of Gustave H, a legendary concierge at a famous European hotel between the wars, and Zero Moustafa, the lobby boy who becomes his most trusted friend. The story involves the theft and recovery of a priceless Renaissance painting and the battle for an enormous family fortune — all against the back-drop of a suddenly and dramatically changing Continent.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 🍅 90% Audience: 🍌 91%

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300: Rise of an Empire 3D (18) Fri-Thu 12:30-2:55-5:25-8-10:30
American Hustle (14) Fri-Thu 9:50
Bad Words (STC) Fri-Thu 1:10-3:25-5:45-8:10-10:30
Captain America: The Winter Soldier — An IMAX 3D Experience (STC) No Passes Thu 8
Captain America: The Winter Soldier 3D (STC) No Passes Thu 9:30
Divergent (STC) No Passes Fri 12:45-1:05-2:50-3-3:50-4:20-6-6:30-7-7:30-9:15-9:45-10:15-10:45
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Imagine: Life Spent on the Edge (STC) Thu 7:30
The LEGO Movie (G) Fri 2:15
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The LEGO Movie 3D (G) Fri-Thu 4:45-7:10
Monsters vs. Aliens (PG) Sat 11
The Monuments Men (PG) Fri-Thu 12:55-3:40-6:45-9:55
Mr. Peabody & Sherman (G) Fri 2:40

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Mr. Peabody & Sherman 3D (G) Fri-Thu 5-7:20-10
Muppets Most Wanted (STC) Fri 2:30-5:10-7:50-10:25
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Need for Speed 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 1:45-4:45-7:40-10:40
Noah (STC) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:30-3:40-6:50-10:05
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Noah: The IMAX Experience (STC) No Passes Fri-Wed 1-4:10-7:20-10:35
No Passes Thu 1-4:10
Non-Stop (PG) Fri-Wed 12:40-3:15-5:45-8:15-10:45
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Serena Ryder wants success on her terms

Not your typical pop star. Poised to co-host the Junos, rising singer has a healthy perspective on the fame game

Striding out to perform O Canada at the recent NBA All-Star Game in New Orleans, Serena Ryder found an unexpectedly hard time in the Big Easy.

"When I was walking out to sing, all the all-stars were lined up on the podiums. And they were heckling me!" she recalled in a recent telephone interview. "Seriously, I was walking and three or four of the dudes — I don't know (who) because I wasn't looking, because I was on camera — but as I was walking, they went: 'You're live. You're live. Start singing. The camera's on you. Go ahead.'"

"I really felt like I was in high school, walking down the hallway right by the jocks who were super popular and they were all commenting on my gothic outfit — which they ac-

tually did, I was a goth in public school. And I got made fun of all the time."

The anthem itself? Oh, that was a breeze for the husky howler, increasingly adept at the big moments. She delivered a faithful rendition that swelled impressively at its climax, delighting at least one of the nearby cool kids.

"After I'm done, I start walking off and then there's Drake," she said of the Toronto rapper, ubiquitous during the NBA's all-star weekend. "He like grabbed me and gives me a big hug. All the cameras are on me. It was the most surreal experience."

And Drake isn't the only industry heavyweight to embrace Ryder recently.

She earned five nominations at this weekend's Juno Awards, and her haul includes nods in the marquee categories album, single, artist and songwriter of the year. She'll also co-host alongside Johnny Reid and Classified, with whom she's set to open the show.

The 31-year-old's 2012 breakthrough Harmony announced her ascension into Canada's top tier of perform-

Making music

"Love and that passion behind it is what feeds success ... and then if you don't love it, stop doing it." Serena Ryder

ers. The primal single Stompa pounded its way to triple-platinum sales, and the winsome indie-pop gem What I Wouldn't Do matched its chart position, peaking at No. 8.

As breaking into the U.S. looms as an obvious goal, Ryder won't necessarily submit to the punishingly rigorous, ego-popping club traipse that's de rigueur for acts trying to break in south of the border.

After all, her major breakthrough at home didn't necessarily come about the typical way.

Ryder has been honest about the four-year gap that ultimately followed the Juno-winning folk-pop album Is It O.K.

She struggled with depression, at various points



Serena Ryder will co-host the 2014 Junos with Johnny Reid and Classified on Sunday. UNIVERSAL MUSIC CANADA

finding it hard to summon herself from bed. Eventually, friends, family and a new romance helped Ryder emerge from the din to write Harmony's sanguine songs reflecting her newly cheery

mindset.

Told that her success story defies the typical strike-while-the-iron's-hot ethos of an opportunistic industry, she laughs.

"I know — that's the fun-

niest thing in the world," she said. "I don't believe in the whole idea of breaking your back in order to enjoy life later. ... It makes no sense whatsoever."

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Zac Efron ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

It beggars belief that Efron fought tramps — not such a glass act after all, Zac

Zac Efron seems to be having a hard time keeping out of trouble. The latest incident for the clean and sober star involves getting into a fight with a transient near L.A.'s Skid Row, according to TMZ. Efron and his bodyguard were reportedly stranded near an underpass of the 110 freeway after their car ran out of gas earlier this week and attracted the anger of nearby homeless men when Efron tossed out a glass bottle that shattered near an encampment. Tensions between the homeless men and Efron's camp escalated, with the High School Musical star reportedly taking a punch to the mouth. No arrests were made, as police could not single out anyone as the instigator in the "mutual combat" situation, according to police reports.

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The Word



There's Snow doubt at all fans want to see shy Kit's body

MELINDA TAUB

Metro World News

You can't be a Game of Thrones star and be a prude. If you want to wash your hair, conceal your butt and leave your mother unscandalized, you'd better go into accounting. So sayeth Kit Harington, who stars as Jon Snow in the HBO epic, for now, until his character gets eaten by the Lannisters or something.

"It's only right, if you're going to make a show

where nudity and sex is a large part of it, that you be a part of that," he told GQ.

As a matter of fact, Kit's parts have not yet been a part of that. The one time we saw Jon Snow's butt jumping into a river, Kit had a broken ankle and a stand-in had to perform the scene. He's not raring to take his turn stripping down, though.

"I wouldn't say I'd be happy about it," he said. "I'm not saying (if I would do a nude scene). Because I don't know. It would have to be f—ing well deserved."

I'll tell you who well deserves it: The show's female (and gay) fans, who have sat through breast after breast after breast, "well deserved" or not. But do what you want, Kit. Don't do anything you're not comfortable with.



Gwyneth Paltrow

Was Gwyneth's split from Chris due to a midlife crisis — and will she regret it?

Sources close to Gwyneth Paltrow think her split from husband Chris Martin could be due to a mid-life crisis she's currently weathering. "It does seem she is

having a mid-life crisis," a source tells Radar Online. "To say she is obsessed with her physical appearance is also an understatement. Turning 40 seemed to do

something to her psyche. She could very well regret the decision to separate from Chris. He is an amazing father and very supportive spouse."

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Italy is a big chunk of the wine world. With 20 regions, and close to 1,000 different grapes growing, it ranks second only to France when tallying up total wine production.

Trouble is, even with so much variety, the wines from Veneto (Valpolicella and Pinot Grigio) and Tuscany (Chianti)

make up the majority of what the average Canadian wine drinker is buying.

That leaves a lot of room for discovery, and a good place to start your journey is the central Italian region of Abruzzo — the country's fifth largest winemaker. The Montepulciano grape calls the

area home and it creates easy-drinking wines with a dark red colour, balanced acidity and rounded tannins, making them food-friendly and sipable by their lonesome.

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- 2 long red chili peppers, deseeded and finely sliced
- 4 finely shredded kaffir lime leaves
- 3 green onions (scallions), finely sliced
- 1/2 cup coriander leaves
- 1/2 cup mint leaves
- 1/2 cup basil leaves

Coconut Milk Dressing

- 1/2 cup (125 ml) coconut milk
- 1 tbsp fish sauce
- 2 tbsp lime juice
- 1 tbsp caster sugar

Place rice noodles in bowl, cover with boiling water and stand 6 minutes or until soft. Drain and rinse. Toss noodles with chicken, chili, lime leaf, onion, coriander, mint and basil. Coconut milk dressing: combine coconut milk, fish sauce, juice and sugar. Pour over the salad to serve.

DONNA HAY, GUSTOTV.COM

Including unconventional flavours in your dishes doesn't have to be difficult. Bestselling Australian chef Donna Hay shows us how, with a delicious shallow-fried recipe from her cookbook *Fast, Fresh, Simple*.

Adding Asian accents: Simple Thai Fish Cakes



This recipe serves two. DONNA HAY



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1. Place the fish, ginger, chili jam, coriander and egg white in the bowl of a food processor and process until smooth.

Ingredients

- 500 g firm white fish fillets, skin off
 - 2 tbsp finely grated ginger
 - 2 tbsp chili jam
 - 1/4 cup coriander (cilantro) leaves
 - 1 egg white
 - vegetable oil, for shallow frying
 - lime wedges, to serve
- Cucumber and Lime Salad**
- 1 tbsp lime juice
 - 2 tsp fish sauce
 - 1 1/2 tsp superfine sugar
 - 3 Lebanese cucumbers, sliced with a vegetable peeler
 - 1/4 cup mint leaves
 - 1/4 cup coriander leaves

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2. With slightly wet hands shape the mixture into 12 flat cakes.

3. Heat a non-stick frying pan over medium-high heat. Add 1 cm of oil and cook the fish cakes, in batches, 4 minutes each side or until cooked.

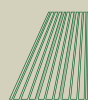
4. To make the cucumber and lime salad, place the lime juice, fish sauce and sugar in a bowl and mix to combine.

5. Add the cucumber, mint and coriander and toss to coat. Serve with the fish cakes and lime wedges. **WATCH DONNA HAY FAST, FRESH, SIMPLE THURSDAYS STARTING AT 10 P.M. EST/PT ON GUSTO TV, CANADA'S NEW FOOD & LIFESTYLE CHANNEL. VISIT GUSTOTV.COM FOR FULL PROGRAM LINE-UP AND MORE GREAT RECIPE IDEAS.**

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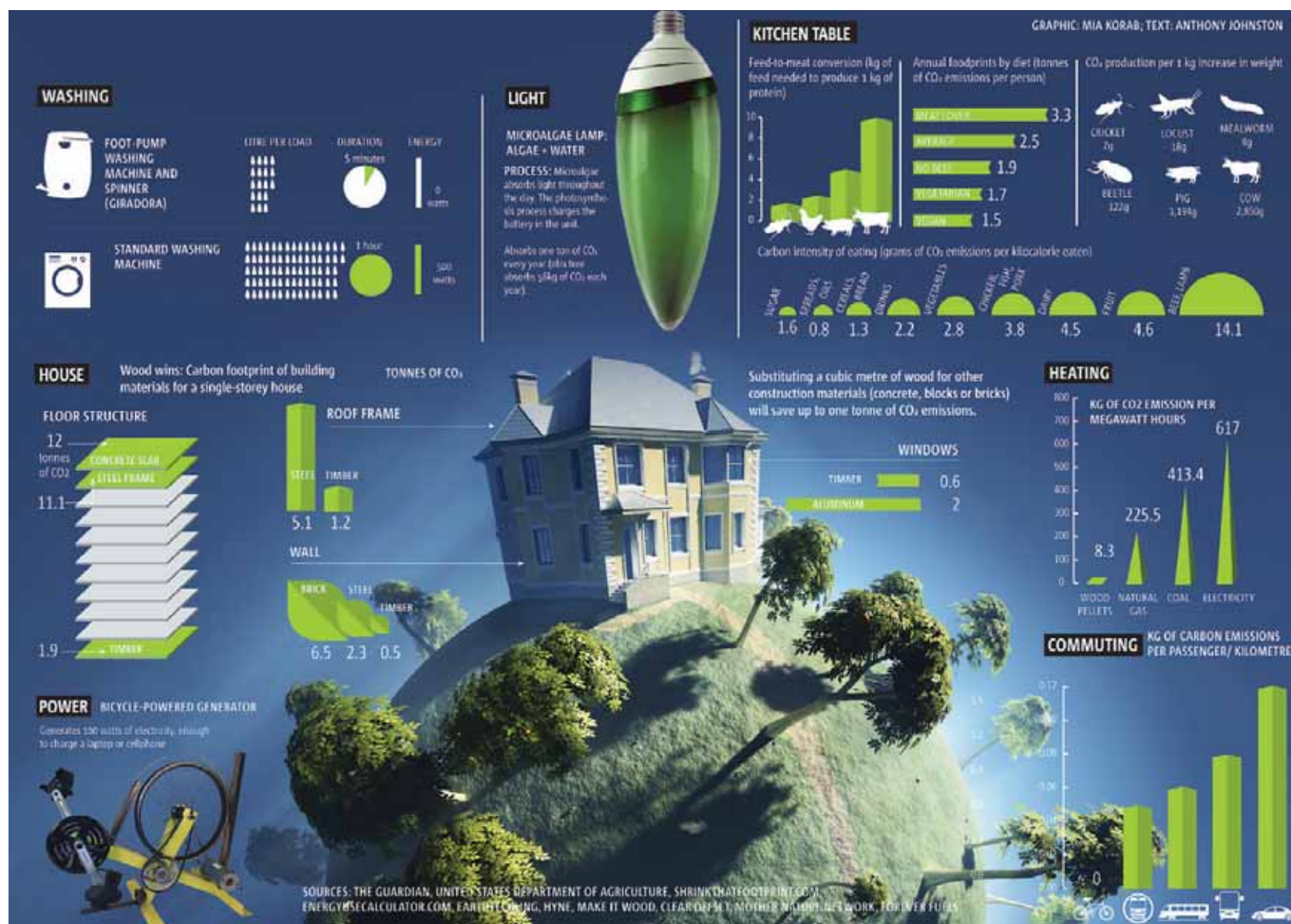
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Earth Hour is this Saturday. In homes and cities all around the world, at 8:30 p.m. local time, people will switch off their lights as a symbolic demonstration of their commitment to conserve the planet.

WWF is excited about this year's partnership with Spider-Man for Earth Hour. And it is hugely inspiring that the stars of The Amazing Spider-Man 2 — Andrew Garfield, Emma Stone and Jamie Foxx, along with director Marc Webb — are lending their support.

You, too, can help by switching off your lights for Earth Hour this weekend, but also in the ways you live your daily life and the choices you make, every day of the year.



Use the power of the crowd

The 2014 Earth Hour also sees the launch of an innovative digital crowdfunding and crowdsourcing platform, Earth Hour Blue, which aims to harness the power of the crowd to raise funds and awareness for essential on-the-ground environmental projects around the world.

With a few simple clicks, you can help deliver energy-efficient stoves to families in Madagascar, help communities in the Philippines build fibre-glass boats to withstand climate impacts like Typhoon Haiyan, support conservation of the iconic Table Mountain National Park in South Africa, and provide better equipment for WWF rangers protecting Indonesia's endangered wildlife — like the Sumatran tiger, elephant, rhino and orangutan, and their forest home. You can also show your support for essential conservation projects around the world by adding your voice to important digital campaigns — such as helping end shark-finning in marine waters for the consumption of shark fin soup, and saving the Great Barrier Reef in Australia.

We love cities

Odds are you're reading this on your daily commute. Today, more than half of us live in urban spaces, generating more than 70 per cent of the world's CO₂ emissions. But there is so much we can do to reduce our footprint on the planet, even in cities.

WWF's Earth Hour City Challenge was created to mobilize action and support from cities in the essential global transition towards a resilient, climate-smart future. The challenge celebrates and encourages the best of urban green innovations, in areas ranging from cleaner energy to more efficient buildings and less waste. Fourteen national winners and one global Earth Hour Capital are being announced this week, decided in part by the thousands of votes received online from citizens around the world.

It really is up to each one of us to save the planet — individually, as businesses or governments, and in groups of concerned citizens committed to bringing about positive change for this amazing planet we call home. And to do that, we all need to channel our inner superhero!

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Herd crush Islanders to complete series sweep

QMJHL playoffs.

Drouin and Co. fire on all cylinders to end a dominating four-game performance



ANDREW RANKIN

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Troy Vance was hoping his junior hockey career wouldn't end like this.

If the Charlottetown Islanders were to fall to the Halifax Mooseheads on Thursday night, then their towering 20-year-old Dallas Stars prospect wanted it to be close, at least.

But it wasn't.

The Herd thoroughly humiliated the home squad in an 11-3 hammering to complete a 4-0 series sweep before a deflated audience of 1,418 at the Eastlink Centre.

"That's the last memory I have of playing here, and it stings," said Vance, who at least had a goal in his final QMJHL game. "But I don't think it really reflected the matchup that was there."

But, the truth is, it did.

Outshot 44-23, the badly overmatched Islanders were never really in the series despite a few close periods. Islanders goalie Mason McDonald, and perhaps their 17-year-old sniper Daniel Sprong, were the only factors in the way of making this matchup an outright embarrassment of a mismatch.

But in Game 4, McDonald



The Mooseheads' Jonathan Drouin gets the jump on Islanders defenceman David Henley on Thursday in Charlottetown. NIGEL ARMSTRONG/GUARDIAN

was not on his game, giving up five straight goals before getting the yank 2:32 into the middle frame.

The Mooseheads responded unmercifully.

From game to game, the No. 2-seeded Mooseheads were on point, relentless top to bottom. While the 15th-seeded Islanders could match their opponent's grit, they simply were outclassed in the speed and skill departments.

"First of all, we were all clicking, all four lines were going," said Mooseheads defenceman MacKenzie Weegar, who ended the night

Quoted

"They are a tough team. You put Jonathan Drouin and Nikolaj Ehlers together, they're pretty unstoppable."

Islanders defenceman Troy Vance

with a pair of goals. "Danny Moynihan, Connor Moynihan, Sam Leblanc and Luca Ciampini, they were on their game all series. Most importantly our power play was key. We capitalized on our opportunities.

"We got the sweep, and that's huge. We have a little time to rest up and get ready

for the next series."

Fellow defenceman Matt Murphy was rock solid for the Mooseheads in his own end, while quietly chipping in offensively, as well.

After praising his teammates for taking care of business in a cool and calculated manner, he also lauded the Islanders for refusing to

back down.

"They showed a lot of character, and they still have a young team," said Murphy. "And Mason McDonald played really, really well and kept them in a lot of games. They deserve a lot of credit."

Jonathan Drouin led the Mooseheads with a pair of goals and assists. Nikolaj Ehlers and Weegar scored twice, while Timo Meier, Danny Moynihan, Connor Moynihan, Leblanc and Ciampini rounded out the scoring for the Herd.

Kameron Kielly and Sprong responded for the Islanders.



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'No wrong path' to make it in the NHL

Hockey. Don Cherry might not be happy about it, but American colleges are churning out Canadian NHLers

Word that the Toronto Maple Leafs had signed defenceman Eric Knodel out of the University of New Hampshire didn't sit well with Don Cherry.

"Leafs love those college guys," the Canadian broadcaster wrote Wednesday as part of two Twitter posts. "Going to get a tryout with the Marlies. That means he takes a spot from some guy slugging it out on the buses. If you want to make the Leafs or get a tryout just go to a U.S. college."

Forget for a second that Knodel wasn't a free agent but a 2009 fifth-round draft pick out of the Philadelphia suburbs, and that playing in college was a way to help turn the raw prospect into a professional. It was still a derisive swipe at U.S. college hockey, which in Canada is often considered an inferior path to the NHL compared to major-junior leagues.

"I think that if more Canadian families were exposed to what college can do — as parents for your kid socially, athletically and academically ... I think more people would be doing it," said University of Denver coach Jim Montgomery, a Montreal native who went to Maine and ended up playing 122 NHL games.

One opportunity for ex-



New Hampshire defenceman and Maple Leafs signee Eric Knodel knocks over Maine's Joey Diamond during a March 8 game in Durham, N.H. CHARLES KRUPA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

posure is the NCAA tournament, which begins Friday and includes 109 Canadian players. There are 35 players from Ontario, 35 from British Columbia, 18 from Alberta and seven each from Quebec, Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

Many of those players are trying to follow in the footsteps of several successful Canadian NHLers who went to college, including four members of the gold-med-

al-winning Sochi Olympic team: Jonathan Toews (North Dakota), Martin St. Louis (Vermont), Patrick Sharp (Vermont) and Chris Kunitz (Ferris State).

Among the 945 players to see NHL action this season, 100 were Canadians who played at a U.S. college.

Naturally, many went the more traditional road, through the QMJHL, OHL or WHL. But the NCAA is slowly

becoming another acceptable way to get there.

"There's no wrong path," Phoenix Coyotes assistant general manager Brad Treiving said. "I think as a Canadian guy you grew up and you're around major-junior hockey more, so ... you're closer to it than you are U.S. colleges, but, jeez, there's no wrong answer. It's an individual choice and there's benefits to both." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Basketball

Rainmen hope to douse the Storm

The Halifax Rainmen will look to stave off playoff elimination against the Island Storm on Saturday night at home.

Game 6 was postponed to Saturday from Thursday due to the fallout of Wed-

nesday's storm.

The Rainmen, who are down 3-2 in the best-of-seven semifinal series, are coming off a 129-90 hammering in Charlottetown on Monday. Rainmen owner Andre Levingston said he is expecting a bounce-back performance from his club when the squads square off at the Metro Centre at 7 p.m. ANDREW RANKIN/METRO



Nadal bounces back

Rafael Nadal plays a shot against Milos Raonic at the Sony Open tennis tournament on Thursday in Key Biscayne, Fla. Canada's Raonic put up a fight but could not earn the upset as Nadal recovered to win their quarter-final matchup in a 4-6, 6-2, 6-4 comeback.

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Tennis

Serena surges past rival Sharapova

Serena Williams beat Maria Sharapova for the 15th consecutive time, rallying in both sets for a 6-4, 6-3 victory in the Sony Open semifinals on Thursday.

Williams, seeking a record seventh Key Biscayne title, improved to 16-2 against Sharapova and

hasn't lost to her favourite foil since 2004.

The No. 1-ranked Williams won with a superior serve and better returns. She hit nine aces and broke five times, helping her rebound from deficits of 4-1 in the first set and 2-0 in the second.

Williams' opponent in Saturday's final will be either Australian Open champion Li Na or Dominika Cibulkova of Slovakia. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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A look at storylines to keep track of this season with the Toronto Blue Jays

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Anthopoulos-Gibbons

General manager Alex Anthopoulos brought John Gibbons back last season to manage the Jays after John Farrell departed for Boston. Even with a big roster shakeup, the team failed big time in 2013. If Toronto continues to fail on the field, how much longer do Anthopoulos, or the affable Gibbons, have?

Starting pitching

There are more than a few question marks here, which isn't promising considering the Jays starters went 46-57 last season with a 4.81 ERA. Knuckleballer R.A. Dickey, left-hander Mark Buehrle and Brandon Morrow lead the rotation with Drew Hutchison and Dustin McGowan completing the quintet — at least to start with.

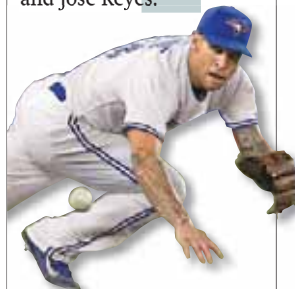


Attendance

About the only thing that went up last year for the Blue Jays was attendance. Despite the poor results, 2013 attendance reached 2,536,562 for an average of 31,315 at the Rogers Centre. That marked a considerable jump from 2012 when attendance totalled 2,099,663 for an average of 25,921. Will Toronto fans remain on the bandwagon if the product disappoints again this season?

Defence

One positive this season looks to be defence with a healthy Melky Cabrera plus Colby Rasmus and Jose Bautista in the outfield and Ryan Goins adding his fielding skills to an infield already brimming with talent in that area with Brett Lawrie and Jose Reyes.



The bench

With Toronto going with an eight-man bullpen, the Jays bench will be very thin. Backup catcher Josh Thole, whose main job is to handle Dickey, is a career .251 hitter whose average dropped to .175 in limited major-league action last season. The other two are outfielder Moises Sierra and utility infielder Maicer Izturis.

MLB spring training

Hutchison ready for the real thing

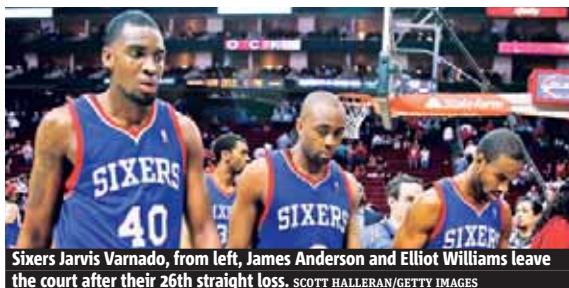
Drew Hutchison gave up one hit in 5 1/3 scoreless innings and led the Toronto Blue Jays past the Philadelphia Phillies 3-0 on Thursday.

Hutchison is scheduled to start Toronto's second regular-season game against the Tampa Bay Rays on Tuesday. He allowed a single to Jimmy Rollins in the fourth, walked three and struck out three.

The right-hander beat out several candidates, including Todd Redmond, Esmil Rogers and Ricky Romero, for a spot in the rotation. He was 5-3 with a 4.60 ERA in 11 starts as a rookie in 2012.

Dioner Navarro hit a sacrifice fly off Phillies starter A.J. Burnett in the fourth. Gabe Jacobo added a two-run single in the eighth.

Burnett gave up three hits with one walk and six strikeouts in five innings. The right-hander signed a two-year, \$22.5-million deal with Philadelphia in February. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Sixers Jarvis Varnado, from left, James Anderson and Elliot Williams leave the court after their 26th straight loss. SCOTT HALLERAN/GETTY IMAGES

NBA. Sucks to be 76ers: Philly matches worst streak ever

The Philadelphia 76ers tied the NBA record with their 26th straight loss Thursday night, as James Harden's triple-double led the Houston Rockets to a 120-98 victory.

Harden had 26 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists in three quarters for his

second career triple-double as Houston picked up its fifth straight victory.

The 76ers (15-57) stuck around early before a big second-quarter run allowed the Rockets to pull away and roll to the win.

Philadelphia matched

the 2010-11 Cleveland Cavaliers for the NBA's worst skid and can set the record at home against Detroit on Saturday.

James Anderson led the Sixers with 30 points and made six three-pointers.

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Elsewhere on Thursday

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Aries

March 21 - April 20

You'll make your presence felt today, especially at work where power planet Pluto encourages you to believe you are worthy of bigger and better things. You are entitled to be treated with respect — and you will make sure you get it.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

The planets will give you the confidence to let important people know what you are capable of. Don't worry that they might think you are being too pushy because that's just what they are looking for.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

Money matters and career issues are under good influences today, so be brave and make the first move if you feel there is cash to be made or a promotion to be won.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

With communications planet Mercury linked to Pluto in your opposite sign today you won't hesitate to call it as you see it. Some people may be shocked that you are so outspoken but you won't care in the slightest.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

If someone suggests you need to prove your commitment, maybe you should reconsider the status of your relationship. As far as you are concerned, it is a partnership of equals. If they can't agree, say goodbye.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

You're in a rebellious mood and may do something that shocks friends and enemies. Good. Too many people have been taking you for granted.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

You will know if someone is lying to you today. There is no way they can pull the wool over your eyes. Whether or not you let them know you are not fooled is up to you. It may benefit you to play dumb.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Reach out to someone you have not seen or heard from in a while. Not only will you have plenty of gossip to catch up on, you may find your long-term plans coincide nicely.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

You may be a rebel by nature but this is not a good time to rock the boat. Instead, find out what assistance friends and family members need and do what you can to help them realize their goals.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Pluto in your sign endows you with the courage to get things done, and today and over the weekend you will push yourself harder than you have done for a long time. But it's not just about physical effort. Think harder, and deeper, too.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

An investment you made a while back will pay off today and you will be glad you had the sense to act on what your inner voice told you. What it's telling you now is to not get carried away.

Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

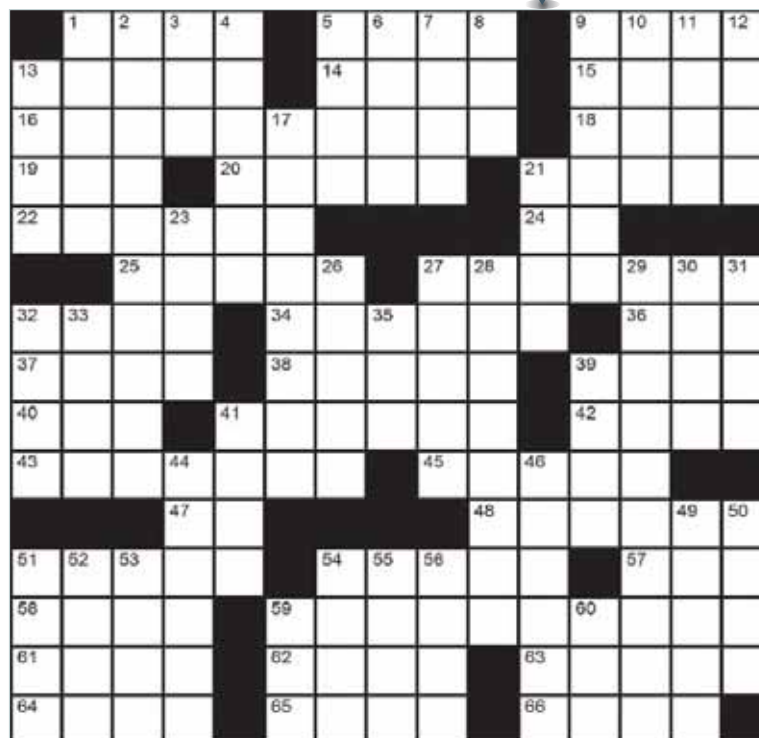
Even if you are the kind of Pisces who does not like to rock the boat, you will let certain people know where they have been going wrong.

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Crossword: Canada Across and Down

Across

1. Snake sounds
5. Staff on a ship
9. Kitchen knife-using move
13. "Lorna ___" (1951)
14. Actress Ms. Turner (b.1921 - d.1995)
15. Practitioners of it might be wearing Lululemon
16. Mega music event this weekend: 2 wds.
18. Ernie's pal
19. Work unit
20. Eras
21. Rhinoplasty targets
22. Montreal's ___ College
24. Certain conjunction
25. Prone to drips
27. Reside ruggedly: 2 wds.
32. Honest
34. Denizens of The Hawkeye State
36. 'Press' suffix
37. Plucked instrument
38. Milan-based fashion house
39. Marie-Claire's friend
40. Banqueted
41. Unravel the scarf and start all over again
42. Fewer
43. Intersection in #17-Down, ___ and Main
45. Spherical
47. Out's opposite



48. Gives warning
51. Canadian Transport Minister, Lisa ___
54. Single-named male model
57. Eggs, Latin-style
58. Opposing
59. "Kids in the Hall: ___" (1996)
61. ___-Cola

62. "I Got You ___" by Sonny & Cher
63. Decks, in boxing
64. Comic actress Madeline
65. Blue hue
66. Competed on "American Idol"

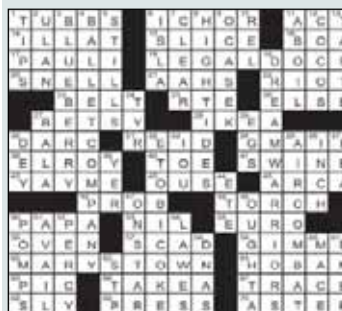
- bit, don't you think?" (Milk-drinker's complaint)
2. An attendee at #16-Across
3. ___Cone
4. "Airport" (1970) director, George ___
5. ___ up (Become tight-tipped)

6. Uncommon
7. Terminates
8. Existed
9. Robotically-enhanced Sci-Fi human
10. Works the flower beds
11. Demon
12. Mr. Sajak's
13. Spun/scratched

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- the LPs
17. Setting of #16-Across
21. We: French
23. Certain
26. Singer, Thom ___
27. "You Turn Me On, I'm a ___" by Joni Mitchell
28. Where some commuters are right now: 3 wds.
29. Jessica Tandy's Canadian actor hubby who starred in "Cocoon" (1985): 2 wds.
30. Flower kind
31. Football accessories
32. Envelope part
33. Using-a-street thing
35. Pallid
39. "No word of ___" (True)
41. Mouth off
44. Renaissance painter from Venice
46. Barricades
49. The Littlest Hobo, e.g.: 2 wds.
50. Pronounces
51. Coat ___
52. Small buffalo
53. Yen
54. Skirmish
55. Rhyming scheme
56. "Tres ___!"
59. UK network
60. Battery size

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How to play

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Yesterday's Sudoku

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6	5	9	7	2	8	4	1	3
3	2	7	4	1	6	8	5	9
1	8	6	9	7	4	5	3	2
7	9	5	6	3	2	1	8	4
4	3	2	8	5	1	9	6	7
5	1	4	2	6	7	3	9	8
2	7	3	1	8	9	6	4	5
9	6	8	3	4	5	2	7	1

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5	3		9					6
		4			8			
9	7			1				
	6						3	
				5			4	8
			1			5		
7					3		6	1
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